

Umetco Minerals Corporation



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May 12, 1986

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Division of Safety and Health
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Subject: Umetco Minerals Corporation, Niagara Falls, NY

Dear Dr. Bradley:

I have reviewed an April 9, 1986 letter from Mr. Edward G. DeLaney of the Office of Nuclear Energy in the Department of Energy advising me of Umetco's elimination from consideration for inclusion in the Formerly Utilized Site Remedial Action Program. Mr. DeLaney references surveys and a report, both prepared for the Niagara Falls site in 1980, and states that, among other things, concentrations of thorium and uranium were found in soils at the site.

As you are aware, since 1982 we have been actively engaged in removing the residual radioactivity and to date have expended in excess of \$500,000. In March of this year Mr. Robert Kelly of your department visited the site and obtained samples to verify that the cleanup was complete. We understand, pending the results of these analyses, the area in question will be restored to unrestricted use and our Radioactive Material License will be terminated. We wish to thank you for the assistance you have provided in this regard.

Very truly yours,

George P. Parker
Manager
Employee Relationship
Safety, Health and Environmental
Affairs

cc: Mr. R. F. Kelly, DOL
Mr. W. Librizzi, USEPA - 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10228
Mr. D. G. Millenbruch

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Dr Bradley with
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May 9, 1986

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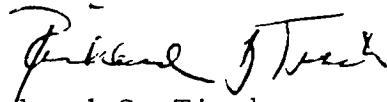
Re: April 9, 1986 Department of Energy Letter to
George Parker

Dear Frank

Mr. Edward DeLaney of the Department of Energy wrote an April 9, 1986 letter to George Parker and advised him of the Department's determination not to consider the Niagara Falls facility eligible for remedial action under the Formerly Utilized Site Remedial Action Program. The letter also stated that there were concentrations of radioactive materials "in the soil in excess of guidelines used by the Department to determine if a site warrants consideration for remedial action to eliminate restrictions on its use." An inference could be drawn from this statement that the site poses an environmental or health hazard.

A copy of the letter was sent to Mr. B. Librizzi, EPA Region II. Mr. Librizzi is the Director of the EPA's Emergency and Remedial Response Division in the New York office. He also bears the responsibility for the federal Superfund enforcement and remediation program. In order to apprise Mr. Librizzi (by copy) of the insignificance of the radioactivity at the Niagara Falls site and to dissuade him from giving undue Superfund consideration to the Niagara Falls facility, I have prepared the attached letter to Dr. Bradley for Mr. Parker's signature. Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Richard G. Tisch

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Enclosure

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Niagara Falls, New York

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As you are aware, Mr. Robert Kelley of your Department has visited the facility at our request twice this year. These visits are in furtherance of Umetco's long-standing requests to terminate the DOL's radioactive materials licenses because of the low levels of radioactivity on site. We understand that the termination process is nearing its conclusion and wish to thank you for the assistance you may have provided in this regard.

Very truly yours,

George Parker
Manager,
Employee Relationship,
Safety, Health and Environmental
Affairs
P. O. Box 66
Niagara Falls, New York 14302

cc: R. Kelley, DOL
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*(I suggest a change to
the paragraph which was
made in letter to Dr. Bradley)
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